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April 2001 saw the closing down of the oldest UFO group in the United Kingdom. The British Flying Saucer Bureau has finally called it a day. I saw the news on Children's BBC News round on the 23rd April...

The British Flying Saucer Bureau is closing down, because of a drop in reports of UFO's...

Over the years the Bureau has received up to 30 UFO sightings a week.

These days there are very rarely any such reports.

But Denis Plunkett who set up the Bureau has his own theory as to why we don't have so many alien visitors.

He believes the little green men have finished their study of us here on earth and they're off to find somewhere new!

For further comments, see inside the newsletter...

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This past 2 month's has seen a rise in UFO activity, with television and radio programs galore and what with the Disclosure program on the 9th May on America, it sure has been a busy last couple of months. There has been a rise in membership which is a good sign with a number of existing members re-joining and 3 new members.

This last month saw my lecture at the Dorchester Conference and a full report is in the newsletter.

There is full coverage of

the magazine exchanges and Ernie Sears has full and extensive coverage of the press articles over the past two month, of which there have been a number of.

This edition sees 24 pages of information, as I have had so much material sent to me, I thought it unfair not to share it with you all.

We have just received 4 UFO reports that will be featured in the next edition of the newsletter.

Ernie Sears (PRO) and Steve Rider (SUFOG Secretary) have a large input into the newsletter this month and I hope that you enjoy their articles.

So, sit back in your chair and read on. I hope you enjoy this edition and any constructive criticism or ideas would be gratefully received by the editor of either the newsletter or our web site.

(Steve Gerrard - Chairman)

European FT Initiative.

Calling all UFO Research Groups in both the United Kingdom & on the European Mainland. An attempt to track the black triangular-shaped UFO across Europe during the years 1993 - 1997 is underway. Based upon Project FT's database which contains some 7,000 sighting reports, additional FT reports are required which will be added to the database and which may possibly reveal just where the FT has its entrance / exit windows. All contributors will receive a report of our findings.

Date to : Field Officer Tony Spurrier, 38 Bakerscroft, High Street, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.

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News Updates...

Where shall I begin...

Television :

This Morning : Dennis Plunkett and Chris Martin. I felt sorry for Chris Martin, 2 pratts that interviewed him and as for Dennis Plunkett who cannot make his mind up whether to retire or not.. Only interesting bit was Chris's video footage whilst in Scotland.

Ch 5 : Chris Martin and Roy Lake. Great to see Roy on TV and they again were interviewed again by to people who's brain's they must have left at home. Lively chat and again, Chris showed the Scottish footage. Interesting to say the least.

Radio :

Radio 2 : Steve Wright : mentioned on his program that there was a lack of crop circles so far this year (Read on readers !!!) and that the croppies are blaming this due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak and the British weather. This begs the question : If crop circles appear in Counties not effected

by foot and mouth are they hoax's or, if they appear in fields that have been effected by foot and mouth, are these genuine formations ?

Radio 2 : Johnny Walker : Featured Dr. Richard Lawrence of the Aetherius Society who spoke about the recent Disclosure Project in America on the 9th May (Did anyone else know or hear about this ?).

CROP CIRCLES :

The first recorded crop circle in the UK has appeared in Hampshire at Old Winchester Hill, on the 11th May, just outside of Winchester, Hampshire. It consists of a circle with 2 concentric rings...

25.3.01 : Dawson Creek, Br Columbia : 2 large circles in grass.

13.5.01 : Germany : formation in oil seed rape.

24.4.01 : Martock, Somerset : Student 'Art'.

00.2.01 : Churchville, Maryland, USA : 30ft Ice Ring.

00.2.01 : Ringling, Oklahoma, USA : 20 rings, 12 - 20 ft across. (Fungal Rings ?)

Visit of Elaine Waite ...

The Easter weekend saw the visit of Elaine Waite from London. We met Elaine in 2000 at Avebury, and ever since she has kept in contact via group secretary Steve Rider and our PRO Ernie Sears. It was Ernie and Steve that arranged this weekend for a get together which turned out to be very eventful in more ways than one. Elaine arrived on Saturday the 14th April and stayed with Ernie. As I was working, I was unable to go out with Steve, Ernie and Elaine in the evening for a sky watch and a walk around Royal Victoria Country Park and the Chapel. Hopefully, Steve and Ernie will update us on the outcome.

On Sunday the 15th, I met Steve Rider and I arrived at Netley Abbey ruins and we arranged to meet Elaine there at around 3 p.m. On her arrival, we walked around the Abbey and we all had different 'feelings' whilst we soaked up the atmosphere... I tried out my new digital camera and took some interesting photo's of the ruins which will appear on our ghost page soon on the Internet. From here, we went to Blue Bell woods to look for the hanging tree... We found... MUD !!! Poor Elaine... all I heard was a 'help', turned around, and there she was stood with one foot in the mud and her shoe a few steps behind.. After rescuing Elaine we returned to the Abbey for a final look around and then returned to my home for a well earned cup of tea.

In the evening, Elaine and I decided to go out for a look at the clear sky, and ended up at the jetty in Victoria Country Park.. Strange feelings... hard to put your finger on it (we had seen two twinkling lights hover side-by-side over Southampton water as we walked into the park, hanging over the Esso Fawley refinery ?). We stood talking for some considerable time and during this time spotted 3 shooting stars, at least 2 satellites cruising across the sky. And the International Space Station cruised overhead.

We finally took the bit between the teeth and headed towards the chapel. Suddenly, it got colder and the chapel took on an eerie feeling, looming up into the sky. Suddenly, as we approached the gravel area in-front of the chapel, I felt as if someone or thing was watching me/us... suddenly in the top left hand window, I saw the candle light again and before I could draw Elaine's attention to it, it had been 'stubbed' out. Whilst standing there I remembered saying to Elaine that 'It felt as if

someone had walked over my grave'... Funny thing that... Remember recent editions of the SUFOG newsletter ? The last visit to the chapel had me feeling at rest, peaceful, safe.. I thought that my 'solder' was alive and well and happy to be alive. Was I wrong ? Had in fact my 'solder' died and that was why I was at peace ? I certainly felt as if something was not right what so ever. Suddenly Elaine said 'did you see that flash of light that lit the front of the building?' To be honest, no I didn't, but the way I was feeling, (as if I wasn't there ?), this would probably explain it. Elaine then said, 'I have just seen a light, like a candle light, at the back of the large window in the centre there'. We waited to see if we could see it again or who was carrying the candle. Nothing... By now, we were both very uneasy and the hair on the back of our necks were trying to get off our necks, let alone stand on end !!! We walked away down the gravel slope and for some unknown reason, it felt as if I had a collar around my neck and I was unable to turn my head to look back at the chapel. But, once at the bottom of the path, it suddenly felt as if that 'collar' had been removed, and I could look back at the chapel.

Thanks to Elaine for a great afternoon and evening and for walk among the stars. See you again soon Elaine.

BBC RADIO 2 STEVE WRIGHT 6th June :

According to the Steve Wright show at 14.25 hrs on the 6th June, William Hill book makers have just cut the odds of the prime minister acknowledging the existence of extraterrestrials in the near future.. They have done this due to a UFO being filmed in Glasgow, Scotland. They did mention the chaps name, but I unfortunately missed that bit. So, are William Hill edging their bets as they say, or, do they know more than they are willing to tell or say. So, quickly get that £10 on a bet at William Hill's, and who knows, you could be the lucky as someone who put a £10 bet on recently and won just over £1,000. I am not a betting man myself, but, I may well go and put a £10 on just in case.

Steve G.

British Flying Saucer Bureau : **The End of an era.**

In 1952, the British branch of Albert K. Bender's INTERNATIONAL FLYING SAUCER BUREAU (IFSB) was formed by Denis Plunkett. When the American HQ of the IFSB closed down in 1953, its British branch became the British Flying Saucer Bureau. Membership was approx 1,500. However, as a non-profit, voluntary organization, BFSB was forced to reduce its scope and confine itself to a local bureau in the Bristol area of the UK. Then in 1953/54 joined up with the Flying Saucer Club to incorporate the BFSB newsletter within the FLYING SAUCER NEWS. Then the BFSB went on to publish the UFO NEWS BULLETIN.



The Summer/Autumn 1954 edition in the SUFOG collection is a gem, like all magazines/newsletters from this era. Here are some of the reports from the Hampshire area (before the county boundaries were changed)...

On the night of May 19-20 (1954), two independent witnesses claim to have seen a huge circular flying machine, surrounded by a brilliant flame-coloured light. The object was at least 50ft in dia, it hovered gently at first, and then made off at speed. The only sound was a slight swishing. Miss Heffer has described the object she saw as flame-coloured with a deep red mark in the centre, and following - and

seemingly attached - was another light, surrounded by a flame-coloured glow. She drew a diagram for FSC. The 'glow' moved steadily forward on an even course, at about the speed of a transport plane. It followed the main Southampton to Bournemouth road in the direction of Ringwood. The object was also seen at Bruton, Somerset some 3 hrs later.

Hengistbury Head, Hants.. 23rd June.. 5 people watched a large brilliant white cigar-shaped object, larger than any aircraft, which remained stationary for 3 minutes, around 9.15 p.m. - before shooting off at terrific speed. Also seen by people in St. Catherines Hill and Pokesdown..

Hindhead, Hants.. 27th June... A bright light, the intensity of a bright star was seen to move fairly rapidly across the sky, on a straight course, at 1.40 a.m. It gave the impression of being at a great height and seemed to be slowing down and speeding up again. Also, it appeared to wander from its course and correct itself again. Seen for 30 - 45 secs. A noise similar to a jet engine seemed to be coming from a point some distance behind the object.

The magazine is a gold mine of sightings from all over the UK and the rest of the world including Finland, Germany, Australia, Southern Rhodesia and Johannesburg. The BFSB Newsletter concerns itself with the BOAC Strato-Cruiser sighting and much more. But looking at the 1981 BFSB publication, that is a different kettle of fish.

This edition is completely opposite the 1954 edition and I think showed how UFOlogy was steering away from the magazine containing UFO sightings to articles that shows the lack of UFO reports being reported to group and so 'lets fill the pages with something' syndrome.. These articles were headed 'Investigation and Research'.. In Favour of 'Nuts and Bolts'... 'The Preliminary Classification of UFO Sighting Reports'.. Man's Conquest of Space... UFOs and Psychic Experiences Linked to Natural Disasters... etc..

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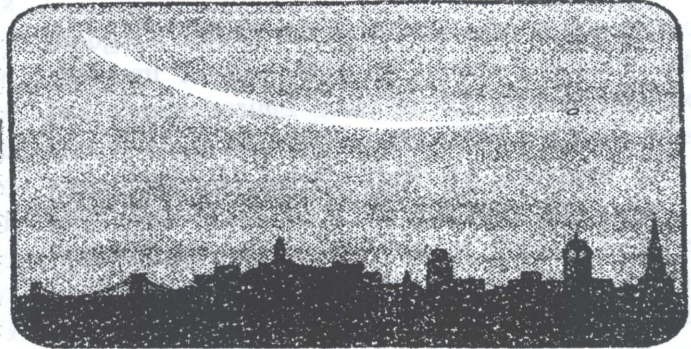
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THE TIMES 23rd April 2001.

No More UFOs? Tracking Service Closes for Lack of Use.

The British Flying Saucer Bureau is closing after chronicling UFO activities for nearly 50 years - because of a sharp decline in the number of reported sightings.

The group, which once had 1,500 members world-wide, used to receive at least 30 reports a week of sightings of unidentified flying objects, but they had now virtually dried up, the Times newspaper reported on Monday. "I'm just as enthusiastic about flying saucers as I always was, but the problem is that we are in the middle of a long, long trough", Denis Plunkett, 70, who founded the bureau in 1953 with his late father Edgar, told the Times.

"There's only so many times you can pick over old bones. There just aren't enough new sightings," he said.

Anthony James.

(Hmm.. Sharp decline in reported sightings... virtually dried up.... Middle of a long, long trough.. Pick over old bones... Sorry folks, but I do not know what planet Denis Plunkett is on, but UFOlogy / UFO sightings / reports are still being reported to other groups. Publicity is the word here.. When did the British public last see publicity about the BFSB).

Malcolm Robinson - Book Review..

TITLE : You Can't Tell The People. **AUTHOR :** Georgina Bruni. **PUBLISHER :** Sidgwick & Jackson, 25 Eccleston Place, London, England, SW1W 9NF. **PRICE :** £17.99 (Hbk) **ISBN :** 0283 063580.

Rendlesham is now known in the United Kingdom as the 'British Roswell', a UFO case of immense proportions. A case full of facts, figures, people and mystery. Did a UFO really crash into some woods near an American Air Base during late December 1980, or is this case the result of cover story after cover story ? There is no denying that 'something' happened on 3 consecutive December nights, that much is not in doubt, but where does the truth lie ? There have been many articles written about the Rendlesham case and quite a few books too and I have to say that as a book reviewer and someone, who has been sent all the previous Rendlesham titles, this book (for me) wipes the floor with the rest of them ! Why ? Well simply because the author has painstakingly researched, travelled, pushed, pulled and prized interviews from all the various players of the Rendlesham case (and then some). People may not want to read anymore about the Rendlesham case simply because like Roswell, they've had enough of it. But like education, you never stop learning. O.K. why is this book so different from all the others, well lets take a step inside and see shall we.

Scholars and students of the Rendlesham case know the facts only too well, but for those who do not, briefly, it is claimed by many who were there, that on three consecutive nights during late December 1980, a strange and mysterious flying craft flew through the forest at Rendlesham near Ipswich in Suffolk, England and landed in a clearing in which American military men from the nearby Woodbridge Air Base were confronted by something straight out of the Twilight Zone. There are conflicting descriptions as to the exact shape seen, but the general consensus of opinion is that it was coned to diamond shaped with strange symbols on it's structure. A curtain of secrecy was then thrown over the event for a while but in an amazing twist of events (certainly for admittance on the part of 'any' military machine), a statement / Memo was released (in a round about way !) to the British Press [**News of the World**] which brought this amazing case to light. ☺

The author who has always been interested in the unexplained, heard about the case and decided to enquire further, she looked through all the previous

written reports and felt deep down that there was more to this story than met the eye and so set off on a crusade for the truth which brought her into a world of conflicting stories and rumours but also, brought forth some startling information which clearly showed that this was no small time UFO case, this really was the British Roswell. The main witnesses in this case were the Military, but not far behind were many civilian witnesses as well, many of whom have spoken to the author over the years. This book is absolutely littered by civilian case after case after case of people seeing strange objects in the sky near Rendlesham Forest over the years. Clearly then we are not talking about an isolated incident. There are sightings of structured 'craft', red balls of light, shafts of light, it's just simply incredible the type of things that civilians have seen throughout the years (and near the dates in question). The author eventually spoke to someone of whom other researchers never got the chance to speak to, ex P.C. Brian Creswell as it was believed that it was he who was the British policeman who was photographed examining the site just after the incident. Brian gave the author a hard time on the phone and said, *'I known what I saw, and I'm not going to discuss it'*. Now what does that mean !! The author clearly feels (and can show in the book) that a good number of the players from this story, more so the American Military people, were soon shipped off from the base to other climates. Was this so that no one could get to them and find out what they saw ? The author clearly thinks so. Major Edward Drury told the author that a D Notice was soon slapped on this incident, (this is an instruction to the press requesting them not to publish anything as it involves National Security). Jerry Harris a Woodbridge resident decided to go into Rendlesham Forest after his own UFO sighting to see if he could see anything. He was confronted on a logging path by two individuals, a British policeman and an American policeman. Mr Harris had a public right to enter the forest but was told to in no uncertain terms to 'go away' and to enforce this point the American policeman cocked his rifle and pointed it at Mr Harris's

direction. This was British soil and a countryman was not allowed his God free right access to a well-walked area.

The author then goes into detail about all the 'Flash calls', which were going on that night. These are major telephone calls from various Military individuals which you rarely get unless there is a major scare something of the nature of the Russians launching their ICBM's, but on the nights in question, lots of these flash calls were going around. What was less major than a Russian problem !! The author also tracked down some British secretaries who were employed at the base, they told her that there was indeed a major incident that occurred and that a colonel Spring was very much involved and that there were lots of British police who visited the base and she learned that there was a lot of radiation activity and coming and going of Military and British personnel, more so than she had ever seen in her entire time at the base. Another interesting aspect to this already incredible case, came when the author learned that a Law enforcement officer called Mark Beaucham who went out into the forest to investigate these strange lights, and disappeared ! A patrol was sent out in search of him, and they too disappeared !! More personnel were sent out and they too disappeared !!

UFOlogists the world over, know only too well that there have been a number of UFO sightings over Military establishments and bases which contain Military hardware or nuclear weapons, the author after speaking with Military men under Colonel Malcolm Zickler's command, insisted that there 'were' Nuclear Warheads in the Bentwater's base (near to Woodbridge) at the time of the incident, indeed, the author also found out that through the Public Records Office in London a once classified Government document clearly showed that USAF Installations throughout the UK were harbouring nuclear weapons as far back as the 1950's ! Stretching the imagination here, if, as some people believe, we were indeed dealing with visiting aliens, I'm quite sure that they would be interested in seeing how we 'ape men' are progressing ! On the night of 27/28th December 1980 two RAF police dog handlers were instructed to investigate strange lights that were seen near RAF Watton (near Woodbridge). RAF Watton picked up on radar, a large moving

unknown air target. The two RAF officers were soon confronted by several figures, which they spotted in their searchlights. Their clothes were silvery and bulky and appeared to suck in the light from their flashlights. The dogs, who were with these two men, started to go crazy. The following day a high ranking British police officer questioned both men and advised them to forget what they had seen. Their note books were confiscated and the log book regarding the events of that night disappeared !! Even more strangely, soon after this incident 4 British scientists from the MoD research centre at Porton Down were driven into the forest where they changed into strange looking space type suits with tubes running into air compressors down their backs. The Watton event occurred on the same day as the Rendlesham event ! Soon after the Rendlesham case, many personnel at Bentwaters reported strange visitors turning up in unmarked aircraft, something that never happened before. Jim Penniston (one of the witnesses) was told that some of these people were from the CIA's Langley Research Laboratory in the States, what was a CIA research team doing on British soil? The CIA clearly had a big role to play in this case as the author's book aptly shows.

The author also brings to light the United States Air Force Intelligence working with a Government/Alien project known as **PPD (Project Preserve Destiny)**. Former USAF sergeant Dan Sherman claims that this project is so secretive that it was classed 'above black' as was known in the loop as 'grey matter' or 'slant missions'. The author must be congratulated on uncovering so much more about this case, but she did admit that there were still a number of people who were very frightened to speak to her for fear of reprisals or visits from some type of Government agents. The author also looks at a previous author's belief (Peter Robbins) that what may have caused the Rendlesham case could have been due to some kind of bizarre weather experiment. In the 1950's William Reich experimented with a device known as a 'Cloud-Buster'. UFO's were regularly seen around his laboratory, the atmosphere was filled with a black gluey substance and researchers saw weird gremlin type creatures in and around the area. Could a device of this nature have brought forth what happened at Rendlesham ! Reich was convinced that using his orgone energy invention, he could create UFO's to appear and fade out. The author also looks at other potential 'normal'

explanations and experiments that were conducted in the Suffolk area over the years and states that maybe our earthly experiments at Orfordness and Bawdsey (near the Rendlesham area) could have penetrated some kind of other time or dimension !

There is no mistaking the author's sense of varied explanations to account for what was sighted in Rendlesham Forest. She mentions that her sources confirmed to her that the secret Stealth aircraft was deployed at RAF Bentwaters during the early 1980's. The F-19 made 30 secret visits to RAF Middlehall during the 1980's, could, as the author speculates, witnesses in the Rendlesham Forest case, have mistaken the Stealth aircraft for something more exotic? This reviewer thinks that this is a possibility in other cases but I don't think that this is the case here. Fellow UFO researcher Brenda Butler told the author that she received a phone call from a woman who claimed to be a wife of a member of the ARRS at RAF Woodbridge who told her that what was reported from the forest was 'not' a UFO but was to do with the capture of a Soviet spy plane and two of it's crew !! Apparently the American's had stolen the aircraft which was hidden at the Woodbridge base. Is this the cause of all the disinformation and mis-matched stories? Brenda Butler also uncovered stories from local fishermen who were instructed not to fish in the waters between Bawdsey and Orfordness during the week of 25th to 30th December 1980. 'Officials' told them that experiments were going to be taking place that week. The fishermen were paid for any losses incurred by not fishing. Brenda was also told by a local fisherman of a strange craft with lights that was seen going into the sea near Orfordness. The author also goes into other possibilities, which may account for the Rendlesham Forest incident, namely Electromagnetic weapons research and also experiments with holograms. The author has uncovered UFO reports from the Rendlesham area going as far back as 1947, so any one who thinks that the Rendlesham Forest incident is a one off, better think again !!!

In 1974 another UFO incident occurred at the Bentwater base which at that time stored nuclear weapons. An object was spotted by over 30 individuals and two F-2 fighter jets were scrambled to intercept it, needless to say the object evaded capture and the incident was covered up until the author pushed people for more info about it.

Some sceptics have suggested that the Rendlesham Forest case was the result of the spinning lights of the Orfordness Lighthouse. This reviewer won't even go down that road, for this is the most stupidest explanation that I've ever heard. I've been in the forest, I've seen the lighthouse and it's searchlight, and believe you me, what utter nonsense that explanation is. Anyone who believes that the incident was caused by this lighthouse better go and arrange to see their doctor immediately as you are clearly losing your mind !!

In closing this review, I found this book to be a new wealth of data, I thought that I would be re-reading 'old hat' some facts of course are 'old hat', but believe you me, there is a hell of a lot of new info here. Larry Warren (one of the main players in this case) has a whole chapter devoted to him, and it's not that favourable ! I'll close with the words of author Georgina Bruni when she says :

"There is no doubt that something very unusual took place in Rendlesham Forest during the last week of December 1980. We may never learn the full story concerning these extraordinary events but as a result of my research I am convinced that there is a cover-up of enormous proportions to keep this and similar incidents hidden under a veil of secrecy. We cannot be sure that there was an alien crew, but the fact that a craft of unknown origin landed in Rendlesham Forest should no longer be in dispute. It "happened" I have presented enough proof of this that even the most sceptical of sceptics cannot argue".

The above in my opinion, is definitely true. This book paints a very convincing picture and warrants your purchase to make up your own mind. You won't be disappointed !

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MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

Beginning with the popular glossy, on sale in the better newsagents and by subscription, and now MONTHLY, we read UFO Magazine with some anticipation ! Like much of the media during the early part of May... we wuz robbed ! Apart from a small mention in Graham Birdsall's Editorial we got just two pages on that Disclosure Project in Washington DC.. See cuttings etc. Interesting in itself but out-weighted, fortunately, by the wealth of other interesting contents.. A highly likely earth based "drone" crash in January of this year, still hounded by secrecy, another similarly dogged by secrecy crash of "something" off the Isle of Lewis in 1996, and various witness reports of activities in those and adjacent areas. Such remote regions ideal for test flying black technology stuff and of course UFO's ? Rendlesham Forest still lingering on with questions in the House of Lords by Lord Hill-Norton... a UFO orientated Minister who we are about to throw some stuff at ! A largely uninteresting look at the Kennedy Space Centre. Popular Mechanics magazine says 'UFO's are Real'. What's new ? Meteors and Armageddon. See previous comment. Interesting new "Talking Points" from readers and a response by Birdsall. Plunkett and the Debunkers Brigade. Bradford sightings. Cast your mind back to the crop circles of 1991. Scottish Chemtrails Incident cause of skin problems ? Challenge to

science of repetitious sightings. Much more. We look forward, however, to the July issue !

SYNCHRONICITY is the newsletter of APRA.. The Anomalous Phenomena Research Agency, has very intriguing articles on, for instance, Rudloe Manor.. I learnt much more as to what's underneath courtesy of James Hill. Another item on all that "No More UFO's" hype. Reports. Shape shifters in Oxfordshire. Thoughtful item by Jim Rayner on the ID factor.. What's going on in the minds of many of us concerning the future welfare of the planet and what WE are doing what we can about it ! CAN we do something ? Inevitable query on what will croppies do about the foot and mouth epidemic affecting crop formation sites. Jim Rayner again on early big cat sightings. All in all a well produced magazine, not afraid to delve into areas once condemned. By subscription £4.50 for 3 issues from Apra, C/O PO Box 135, Didcot, Oxon, 9YA.. Cheques etc to B.J. James.

CUFORG SKYWATCHERS Spring issue comes from Cornwall and as usual carries a WEALTH of sightings from the West Country and world-wide ! Nicely printed and illustrated. Earth-like planets in our own galaxy. Reptoid creature sighted February in California's Baha region. Astronaut and Senator John Glenn did a whoops shut my mouth statement on the "Frasier" TV show March this year on what he saw on space missions ! There's little old me thinking 'twas a soap series ! MOD warns USA on Georgina Bruni's new book... it says Lord Hill-Norton asked if an investigation into new evidence in the book can be carried out... you guessed it, 'no additional evidence' they said.. Note.. Is it doublespeak? NOT NEW EVIDENCE ! Missing time during a video'd sighting in Texas also featured in the CUFORG magazine concludes with a Zero Point Energy and Remote Viewing research by Dr. Hal Puthoff, a much respected scientist... think he had connections with Uri Geller at one time. CUFORG magazine well worth subscribing to at 24 Carrine Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3XB, costing £12 for 4 copies including membership with all it's advantages or £2 a copy.

THE UFO CRITICISM is a nicely printed 8 page edition by and from Japanese enthusiast Junji Numakawa of Tokyo.. Vol. 1 No 1.. A personal publication as he describes it... a near miss with Japanese airliner '98, two sightings, one video'd, by the author in '94 and '95. A lecture on UFO's June 25th 2000, abductees in Old Japan, Roswell, and a 'UFO shaped "boat" in 1803, comprise this interesting magazine which adds to our knowledge. The author 'doesn't like the Internet, has no free time to answer letters'.

UPRI NEWSLETTER hails from Ireland's UFO & Paranormal Research Ireland organization, this issue ONE 2001 has sightings and an interesting long list of SUFOG's own filed video's which is also interesting ! Noted Dennis

Obituary on Desmond Leslie. Other news cuttings on the JFK Conspiracy, Mystery crash in N. Ireland, the End of MIR, Ghosts, NDE Study at Southampton General Hospital. Po Box 7041, Harmonstown, Dublin 5, Ireland. If you are interested, subs are strictly 30 x 30 p IRISH stamps !

BUFORA BULLETIN No 24 April 2001 is another goodie.. Notably a wider range of paranormal subjects.. Very-spooky stuff from Windwhistle in Somerset by Gloria Heather Dixon. Stop asking, Brian James, why that 24th June date for the mini-conference is 'familiar' ! (Nick Pope introduces Georgina Bruni on her book and John Spencer on ghosts and spirits. Contact Lionel Beer on 020 8979 3148) Malcolm Robinson reviews Georgina's book. Letters section includes the busy Brian Allen's reply to my letter and SUFOG's two Steve's spooky encounters in Victoria Park.... I hope to pen a very short but to the point reply and there's no "argument" involved.. We all have our own views... and more importantly, our own experiences which shape our views. More from Brian Allen on myths, magnets, and magicians. The query on will foot and mouth affect this years crop formations ? Try BUFORA Central Office, BM BUFORA, London, WC1N 3XX for all subs and enquiries.

OVNI... Omar Fowler's nice Derbyshire based journal of the Phenomenon Research Association.. Arrived and Omar did an even better job of another magazine which I wont mention, in relating the proceedings and aftermath of that Disclosure Project in Washington on the 9th May. Coverage by the Washington Post of the event well featured, along with the rather cynical comments sent to the reporter Joel Achenbach. Also stories culled from the event by some of the prestige witnesses. Hmmm.. Interesting, informative. Took up much of Ovni's pages.. Why not, since it stems from Omar's years of actually experiencing those craft, we shared much of such in the seventies unknown to each other, me in Hampshire and Omar in Surrey then... "flying wings" and such, eh, Omar ? More on that Washington State family who had some REALLY close encounters during December 2000, even to the extent of video films repeatedly taken and interaction by the mother of the Cardenas family. Article on huge "graves" at groom Lake wherein obsolete or crashed experimental aircraft are buried. Regular astro section for May. Round-up of local and world news including an ice pictogram in Maryland, USA... on thin ice on small pond. Surely not our tame hoaxers ? Or "them" showing us new

technology and proving a point ? OVNI bi-monthly from 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9H... doesn't say in THIS issue but I think it's £2 a copy including postage.

THE AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN.. Pocket sized, 32 pages thick, full of information and serious comment on Down Under UFOlogy and wider world reports. Editorial, as usual, reflects commonsense... the apparent death of reports 'not so in practice'... thus reflecting UK and other regions. More of slap happy media reporting ! Pressure on authorities by well known Dr. Richard Haines, Ted Roe, et al, of NARCAP who foster reports from the aviation community. A sort of smaller but regular Disclosure ? Some '67, '68, '69, '70, '71 sightings from other countries. Canada British Columbia year 2000 reports from MUFON Filers Files. Former Iberian Airline Pilot relates his close encounter... no date given. Intriguing USAF fighter plane disappearance in 1953, broadcast in 1975 from a radio station in Houston, Texas. Seems all electrics went, pilot ejected, plane seconds from hitting terra firma... it never did. No wreckage found except the cockpit canopy. Review of Georgina Bruni's book by the lady herself. MUFON Sky watch Investigations reports on sightings increase in the USA... Those metallic balls again too. Huge craft makes landing attempt in Illinois. Football field sized craft reported in Young County, near Fort Worth. Colorado long yellow cigar. Washington DC metallic balls 'dancing about'. December 31st 2000 sighting in North East Victoria, Queensland. Directors Report... William I McNeff of MUFON of Minnesota, USA, writes sensibly on UFO's and provides excellent answers to perennial questions. Much more. Try Victorian UFO Research Society, Po Box 1043, Moorabbin, Vic. 3189, Australia.



VE OLDE NEWSPAPER
REVIEWS BY ERNIE
SEARS ESQ.

Higgle de piggy this time... the system shot to pieces by the variety of paranormal articles, news shots, etc ! Here goes :

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH of a March date unknown... had our favourite Government Dept, the MoD waxing nutty with its new name for the internal Defence Evaluation and Research Agency now renamed... wait for it !... QinetiQ.. Yes, spelt EXACTLY that way. Don't Know why in case you ask. Cost six months deliberation and £42,000 ! Says herein ; 'it's positive, expansive, bold, and assertive, tones, underpinned by a good solid technical ring', eh ?

THE MIRROR of April 30th carried more from the newish "Psychic Team" as detailed in the last SUFOG mag... this one about time and space travel illustrated by an early Star Trek picture.. Kirk and co and the possibilities now envisaged by that "beam me up Scotty" scenario. Alien enigmas come into it and the story of the Australian UFOlogist mag. Of the analysis of a blonde hair found on an alleged Sidney abductee which showed a combination of quasi human DNA 'not found on this planet'.

THE MIRROR of an earlier date ran another "Psychic Team" item on that other continuing enigma.. Life after death, spooks, etc and those university of Arizona experiments and wondered, in print, 'is this proof'? One scientist.. Schwartz.. of

the University had begun his research in the eighties and believed that his results demonstrated that galaxies, atoms, and such, contain eternal, living, and evolving memories. Collective Unconsciousness has been "known" by psychics for AGES... but unprovable except by anecdote.

THE DAILY MAIL of April 25th did some stuff on the related areas of mediumship etc called **THE PSYCHICS** and seemed to arrive at a reasonable answer of YES ! Well known singer Jane McDonald has been 'seeing ghosts' since her early teens and says spiritualism runs her family. Her grandmother forecast every unusual thing that was to happen in Jane's life.. and so it was, unlikely as it all seemed.

THE MIRROR psychic team was at it again on May 3rd with John Mitchell on "monsters" and allied UFO sightings with Bigfoot, the Yeti, and throws in the Loch Ness creature being "phantoms" of a "spiritual" nature... lost knowledge by mankind of such a power which chaos and confusion are forcing out more and more so that we can again "perceive" such and understand those influences in Nature that affect us. Hmm.. See my article elsewhere?

THE DAILY MIRROR has John Mitchell again, 26th April, expounding on crop circles, relating to the puzzlement sometimes declared by hoaxers as they carry out their nefarious tasks at night. "Action at a distance" he says... but whom ? Or what ? Steve Alexander's 24 page colour record of last years circles can be had from his Gosport address at 27 St Francis Road, Gosport, PO12 2UG, for £12, so we are told, good plug Steve !

CAMCORDER USER Magazine... thanks, Steve G !.. Carried a special 3 page feature on UFO's and Crop Circles featuring Chris Martin and our very own Steve Rider at the Leeds Conference 2000 and James Ewbank talks to Chris with interesting results. Wish James hadn't included that "little green men" tag on the sub-title.. Still, what can you expect ? Chris Martin's pretty unique photos used to good effect. Chris came up with a very profound statement that increasing use of ever-moving on technology will mean more and more quality photographic and film evidence that 'we'll have to start making serious inroads to the political domain'. Ah, well, Chris... go to it, lad, I'm behind you for one !

NEWS OF THE WORLD.. Yeah, a somewhat different item in my daily dose of news... coincidence (?) that the paper sent me a months money off set of coupons so I tried the Sunday edition and what did I find in the magazine section? An article on reincarnation.. Who did I see cuddled up to USA country music singer Gareth Brooks ? My Somerset friend Jenny Smedley whose book on her past life with Gareth as he was in the medieval years came out in her book. Ripples... currently being updated.. 'taint any coincidence that all this came about 'cos I'm an obsessed country music fan and more so dancer and write for a monthly paper on my meanderings around the local club scene... and Jenny is a country music songwriter of

local club scene... and Jenny is a country music songwriter of note, which has put me in touch with Jenny's recommended publisher recently.. Which has pushed me into ~~burning the midnight~~ oil on my unfinished manuscript of some 18 years ! Reincarnation.. Ah, another path down the paranormal field!

Concluding all this... back to those UFO's... we had all the hoo-ha with no less than TWO articles on that alleged disappearance of the UFO's which turned out to be the almost inevitable closure of the British Flying Saucer Bureau after fifty years. I was a member back then

THE DAILY EXPRESS of April 24th ran a not what it turned out to be page on 'No one sees UFO's any more', **THE SUN** had a tiny piece on 'The top UFO spotting group has shut down'.. While **THE DAILY MAIL** had a full page illustrated with Capt. Plunkett the BFSB founder and a couple of Adamski style scout ships... which at least straightened the real reason behind the closure.. Lack of enthusiastic members tied in with cold nights in draughty halls when they now sit at home watching documentaries etc. Familiar ? So there. They aren't GONE... many can vouch for that ! Wouldn't blame 'em!

THE DAILY EXPRESS also had a column entitled 'Believe it or not, it's still a mad world'.. Contents said 'The day the world stood still, Britain's oldest UFO Society closes down etc etc, followed by a list of what people still believe in ! Flat Earth, Loch Ness monster, Shakespeare's a fraud, Crop Circles not a hoax, 'too complex', say croppies, Elvis still alive, boost your alertness etc by drilling a hole in your skull ! And concludes a nation that believes in the fantastic is healthy and who knows, 'they may all be right'.

THE MIRROR of April 5th has a Mysteries item by John Mitchell on the Jon Cainer Psychic Team page that shows an Adamski type scout ship and a column on how ancient aliens were called demons, fairies, imps, mischievous spirits etc, quotes from Jung, Mitchell's own sightings of "UFO's" but not aliens, he says; and he also interviewed alleged contactees for his Flying Saucer Vision book in 1996 who he accepted had 'genuine experiences'. Mitchell bases his 'disbelief' of "aliens" however on those vast distances they must cover and the "theoretical" answers.

THE SUNDAY EXPRESS of May 5th began the start of a now you see it now you don't mystery when the two pager article dramatically enhanced by

photos of a giant UFO, aliens, DR. Steven Greer of CSETI, and Beverley Glick who wrote it; hit the proverbial fan with you know what !

THE SCOTTISH DAILY RECORD was thus beaten to the post with it's May 9th two pager... also dramatically enhanced by photos of (suspect) craft and (again !) genuine Billy Buchanan of Bonnybridge fame. How the Record got into my local UFO friendly shop is another story... unasked for, six copies... I bought ALL of 'em. A really believable article with sightings even I or Steve hadn't heard of. With "THEY'RE HERE" emblazoned across it, the article, along with that of the Sunday Express as above, drew attention (and how !) to the Disclosure Conference to be held in Washington DC on the 9th May, hosted by Dr. Steven Greer, and featuring impressive political, military, etc witnesses prepared to speak in public before invited media on the TRUTH about UFO's, their occupants, and their "energy" sources that were claimed to have been back engineered for FIFTY YEARS by covert organisations using black economy in the USA... some of it obtained from crashed or SHOT DOWN craft ! WoW ! I lost no time at all in alerting our leader Steve G... furnishing him with an internet address as the conference was being broadcast live and world-wide. With his usual incredible technology expertise, (back engineering ?) Steve was able to get the picture via his state of the art equipment.. The picture not good but the spoken words understandable... so SUFOG now have two 90 minute audio tapes, a fifty odd page printout of the entire day, and many miscellaneous Press releases sent out by Dr. Greer and Co... all aimed eventual disclosure to the US Congress.. A challenge, in fact ! Wow.. As I said. I spent all day ploughing through the copies Steve gave me, photocopying most of it. We sat back and waited for world reaction, NONE ! ZILCH ! NIL ! No British National papers even mentioned it. Our TV had such luminaries as Roy Lake, Chris Martin, Capt. Plunkett, etc, on programme spots.. "This Morning" and a 6.20 am on Channel 5.. NONE of which even mentioned the American potential blockbuster ! I Mean.. Some of this stuff, the

high positions in authority of some of the speakers... who pulled the plug? I ANYONE DID !

No doubt Steve will have his own comments in this issue of SUFOG.. Expletives deleted.

THE DAILY MAIL "Night and Day" mag had.. Coincidentally... an item on the Secret Rulers of the World Series... May 6th !... and having watched it for connections with UFO's, abductions, aliens, as it said. I felt sad for David Icke who I once admired and bought his books. Stuck with it through all his allegations that the aliens... mostly 12ft reptiles... are walking around here disguised as The Queen, various ministers, (well, I can believe Tony Blair being one !) etc ! I refuse to comment further.

THE MIRROR of May 11th carried a huge three page article.. "UFO SPECIAL EDIT'ION" which Steve G has twisted my arm to include ! 'Green UFO spooks mum', and 'Top astronomer (Patrick Moore) speaks out on London UFO sighting' and 'inspected some kind of mothership' that 'landed in Leicester Square', and so on ! By then I'd got suspicious ! So IT WAS ! An advertising campaign for a new washing machine capsule containing powder. You'll have seen it... how can you NOT?... by now. It appealed to our editors sense of humour although he chickened out of writing it himself ! I found it curious, though, looking at it's timing. WHO might REALLY been at the back of it all? See later !

THE SOUTHERN DAILY ECHO sprung a nice one for UFO's and our own SUFOG by publishing a letter I had forgotten about, almost, I'd written, and illustrated it.. See the up to date website... with a library photo of yours truly and SUFOG member Andy Phillips. We got a very good plug, phone numbers to contact, and my information on our sightings... that May Southampton Water one shown at our meeting was simply stunning, even more than the 2000 one. As a result of that item in the Echo, we had some interest from the public out there and a small influx of new or would-be members.

THE DAILY MAIL "Coffee Break" section sometimes comes up with paranormal answers to readers questions... May 25th had the Bermuda Triangle re-visited with a very factual and almost incredible list of vanishings in that legendary region vaguely thought to be off the Southern USA coast, Bermuda, and the Great Antilles. Aircraft vanishing out number ships, the last such in 1986 and the most recent crash 2000 with a Cessna pilot complaining of being spatially disorientated... 'I can't see anything' were his last words. Although the night was clear and the nearby airport well lit.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, DAILY STAR & DAILY EXPRESS all seemed set to make June 1st a real humdinger, out of the blue ! My UFO friendly newsagent Richard scanned all the stock and came up with a front page and massive inner ditto photos of that pink and multi lit THREE MILE WIDE UFO that we first saw in the Daily Mail last year. The video, six minutes long and shot over a Derbyshire village, has allegedly been sold for £20,000 to an American film company set on making a film next year on the whole enigma. NASA officials, in the person of Dr. Bruce Macabee have asked to examine the film which is claimed to be 'the same as taken by one of NASA's cameras' The Telegraph's contribution was small but useful. The Daily Star had the front and inner pages. The Daily Express did a two pager with photos of previous alleged UFO's and "experts" explanations... some of which are known to be inaccurate !... I shall be following that up on my e-mailer!

STRANGE DAYS was the title of a cutting sent to me by my friend Prof. Leo Sprinkle from Laramie USA. Leo was the first professional to take abductees under his wing. The article relates how a nine foot tall steel monolith "appeared" at a park in Seattle, Washington (shades of Stanley Kubrick's 2001.. A Space Odyssey) It vanished overnight and re-appeared on a small island five miles away.

THE DENVER POST (also courtesy of Leo Sprinkle) had an article by Maureen Dowd, called 'Drill, Grill and Chill'... a tongue in cheek with a sharp thrust at the state of the world... and it's getting worse !... seemingly for our own good but not so, my friends. Huge airliners will crush runways, drilling for fossil fuel in the Antarctic and never mind the wildlife. Dump nuclear waste wherever we want. We'll bake the earth... brown it, sauté it, simmer it, serve it etc. Fifteen miles per gallon behemoths on huge motorways. You get the point? OK?

DAILY TELEGRAPH of May 18th... just discovered !... says Silbury Hill to be investigated. The hole at the top now threatening stability of the mound... good excuse for a three dimensional seismic scan we are told.

UFO and Ghost watch..
24th February 2001..
By Ernie Sears..

The day with forecasts of a below freezing night... and so it was as I journeyed forth a few hundred yards to the Mill house pub in Grange Road, Netley Abbey, around 8.30 p.m. Never mind... well wrapped up in my wartime fleece lined flying jacket and roll neck sweater etc. I met up with our Editor and SUFOG leader Steve and shortly after Bill and Jean arrived. Walking up to our local sky watch point overlooking the village and Southampton Water we settled down, warmed by hot soup or coffee we'd stored in our flasks. The evening proceeded without too much excitement, plenty of aircraft criss-crossing the gaps between the clouds... one in particular moving very high up at terrific speed heading westward. We surmised something military going on.

Certain lights over Fawley caught our attention as the evening wore on.. One was eventually identified as a flame from one of the more invisible chimneys. Another was an orange "globe" that caused some excitement as it moved northwards over Fawley.. It was my turn to fail to see it ! Steve got it on video... I've yet to see that... while my friend Lorna from her top flat at Weston saw a similar orange globe performing the same manoeuvre... oddly, her sighting was at around 11.00 p.m. after we'd left the freezing cold hilltop and were making our way to the Royal Victoria Country Park just a few minutes drive away where the second phase soon began.

Very dark, not quite so cold, we parked just outside the park gates. I had to stop for a ticker pill but it worked very quickly and I didn't need another that night. Walking and talking along the beach side of the park we reached the remains of the old jetty on which Crimean and World war One and Two troops landed ashore for the short journey up to the chapel and main hospital... only the chapel still standing in useable condition. The others had been this way before and seen evidence of the haunting legends there, for themselves. Although the "atmosphere" wasn't as powerful as before, Steve felt quite "at home" again. A lighted room in the tower of the chapel rather seemed to clash with the surroundings. However we pressed on and arrived at the tower frontage. I stood quietly for a few minutes... after all this was my

first visit there although I have encountered "ghosts" in the past in a small quantity... and "tuned in" to the history of the place. Walking up to the front doors I stood with a hands on attitude and very soon found a warm tingling spreading all over my body. Quite nice.. And "different". After a few minutes I walked back to where the others stood on the edge of the gravelled area and after a few words said I'd do my little meditation bit which is a bit more than just that.. Difficult to explain if you don't do it ! I closed my eyes and IMMEDIATELY the area in front of me was crowded with "forms", so many that they'd never have fitted in OUR "reality" but of course I knew that having seen such before, elsewhere. They appeared to be "nurses" dressed in blue-grey uniforms and "soldiers" in some sort of red. All were "misty" so precise details were correspondingly vague.

This went on for what seemed like minutes... all of them intermingling with each other, walking about, silent.

Whether this vanished or did so as I opened my eyes and came back to a reasonable normality or not I don't know. But it was quite pleasant.... A caring feeling. Steve Gerrard knows this feeling from his past experiences there. Bill was talking to the others and I put in my experience which he immediately said he shared... 'crowds of people' as he had just been telling the others. Nothing further occurred... I felt this was because our "ghost hunter" MIB Steve Rider wasn't present on this occasion. We walked back to the car and went our various ways to a nice warm bed... it was then about midnight I think. I don't think it was "coincidence" that on Saturday morning the 31st March BBC Radio Solent broadcast a phone-in concerning the haunted Park ! Several people told their stories... while I only heard it second hand I liked the one about dogs that backed away from the chapel entrance and on no account would enter it ! I am currently following the broadcast up with presenter Peter White.. see next issue ? Easter weekend is planned to be a repeat of sky and ghost watch with London based investigator Elaine Waite and her husband who are staying with me for three days. SHOULD be fruitful as I believe the whole paranormal scene is breaking into the open... for whatever reason ! We all have theories on that !

PARANORMAL ACTIVITIES.**BY ERNIE SEARS.**

An idea for this article has been sculling around in what passes for my brain for a while. Recently a situation has come into being.... Partly suggested by Steve Rider's long discourse on "ghosts", hauntings, and what has been experienced by some SUFOG members at our local chapel in the Royal Victoria Country Park, Strangely.. Or is it ?.. Our Southern Daily Echo and Meridian TV have highlighted the place and it's history... but only Peter White of Radio Solent brought up the subject of hauntings there.

An increasing number of UFOlogists have become aware of the intrusions into the UFO enigma of other regions that are also enigmatic. These have included spiritualism, life after death, out of body events, and of course "ghosts". Both Steve Rider and myself have had personal experiences of such over some years... Steve reportedly goes looking for such while mine have occurred spasmodically and I have to allow them into my life gradually. This situation leads into all kinds of byways ! You can get lost ! Quite recently I experienced another of those "synchronicities" or "coincidences" which seemed to open another door to another vista... still having connections with those UFOs'. Trying to be brief a group member, Davinia, phoned me to make a point about those histories of that chapel in the park. All of them didn't, she complained, contain the legend of how the Royal Victoria Park Hospital had been built in the wrong country ! The story is... and as a Southampton resident for all her life she knew it well... blueprints got mixed up in Victorian days and India... then part of our British Empire... got the building we should have and ditto us !

I could hardly wait to tell her the story of how I worked as a decorator in 1947 on St George's Barracks in Gosport... a massive building, took us months to finish the work. I well recall the same legend was going around about that place too.. And told Davinia about it. I was, at the time, idly turning over the pages of our Echo.. Gemini's can do more than one thing at the same time ! Page seven and I yelled out 'I don't believe it'.. Twice, over the phone! I was gazing at a photo of St. George's

Barracks ! In fact the name was emblazoned over the entrance... which I'd painted in 1947 ! Coincidence? Later that same day I idly... again !... watched a fantasy film on TV. It wasn't until later I noticed it was called "Dragonslayer". St. George was reputed to go around slaying dragons ! Next day in the Royal Victoria Park there was a commemoration on St. Georges Day... just to confuse you the actual date was Monday and not Sunday ! How did all those coincidences happen ? My mind clicked into gear all that weekend and since.

Then a list of "paranormal events" was given to me by a friend who lives on the same estate and who I've been aware of as having these incidents. Please note this lady had no less than 3 very close encounters with a "craft"... the firstly on Boxing Night 1999... definitely a craft that behaved in an unearth-like technology manner. Those sightings were in the SUFOG newsletter subsequently. The incident with the voice that said 'go to bed' was a few weeks ago and at 22.30 hrs. So she went to bed ! A friend of mine who lives not far away has also been having poltergeistic style happenings ever since she moved into a new home... although she is undoubtedly an abductee and percipient from childhood. Strange "dreams" etc match one hundred per cent abductee stories, as I explained to her when she confided in me. Coincidentally(?) the first lady used to live in the same block and had "experiences" there too ! My own experiences have increased more and more in the last year or two... Steve Gerrard can vouch for some... try the two here during the Meridian TV film they shot in my lounge.. Steve only witnessed one, I saw the other, my computer console had turned itself around 45 degrees !

All this.... And much much more... has caused me to think very seriously that it is NOT the events that are increasing... and in spite of the recent media guff UFO's haven't 'gone away!'. IT US who are developing more and more sensitivity, more awareness, of other dimensions, regions, wherein we can begin to see or sense "life"... which never dies, just goes on to another field of energy. As some of you know, I "BECAME" a healer in 1978 after 3 close encounters, as well as other psychic "powers" given me. I am not unique, I am not alone. Millions world-wide, , are in the same situation, I am continually learning... for what purpose is, so far, just a gut feeling. But I suspect...

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Mary's First Time... !!!

On Saturday the 5th May, five intrepid sky watchers walked out into the night for another SUFOG sky watch. Steve Rider picked me up at around 21.45 hrs and we drove down to Royal Victoria Country Park and sat outside the entrance was Bill, Jean and Mary, her first time on a local SUFOG sky watch. It was a clear night with a bit of wispy cloud. As we walked into the country park, the feeling of being watched was felt by all five of us... We reached the pier opposite the chapel and for one, I was unable to look at the chapel as something was telling me in my head not to !!! We settled down to our sky watch and what a sky watch it turned out to be. Suddenly, we were all taken aback by a beautiful sight in the sky that lasted for a few seconds.. What appeared to be a meteorite breaking up in the sky.. Wow what a sight... Then suddenly I called out 'Look at that light over towards Marchwood'... Unfortunately, it was just a plane that suddenly turned away from us and we saw the red/white lights flashing on it... Then... We saw it... a small, orange light that suddenly appeared and hovered over Southampton Docks. Steve Rider got the video camera on its as suddenly an airplane was seen to approach the light, that suddenly went out. Then as the plane passed by, the light re-appeared. We have this all on video and after a short while, the light just faded and disappeared. We also saw a very bright and intense white light, that suddenly appeared, and faded away into nothing. This object must have been at around 1,000ft before it faded away.

We all walked up to chapel and had our own experiences. I stood there, suddenly it was day time and I could see the old hospital in its glory. I was sat in a chair looking across Southampton water. No oil refinery, just a tree line stretching for miles. Trees in the park appeared to be more abundant than they are now and it was a hot, sunny day. Soldiers in WW1 uniforms walked up and down the path to my right (What is the gravel path now) towards the jetty and the boats anchored there. Suddenly I snapped out of it and I was back in the real world.. Why me ? What does all this mean ? Was I really here as a wounded soldier in the early 1900's ?

As 00.30 hrs approached we all suddenly felt that we had to get out of the area and we decided to leave. We half walked / run along the main road through the park, when suddenly Mary said 'What was that?' She described as being slapped across the face by something or some one. We left the park at double speed.

Dorchester Conference 8th April 2001...

Having picked up group member Bill Smith at 7 a.m. we headed into the early morning sunlight (no rain !!!) to Dorchester. We arrived just after 8 a.m, unloaded the car and after parking the car, we were ready for the day ahead. We set the table up, cramped in the corner, but next to the refreshments.. Good position for passing trade. For the next 30 minutes, I was 'captured' by a chap who's ideas were literally 'out of this world'... But I listened, some things made sense, other...Hmm.. As the day progressed, we sold a few items and there was a steady trickle of passing trade.

Bill said that he wanted to go for a walk but needed his coat from the car. I handed over the keys and directed him to where the car was parked... A good 10 minute walk... 30 minutes later and Bill had not come back. Hmm.. Anyway, eventually he did turn up, but no coat... I asked where was his coat... 'Well, you know when we first arrived, I grabbed a seat in the hall, well... (I suddenly knew what he was going to say !!)... The coat was on the back of the seat in the hall !! Don't worry Bill, it happens to us all as we get older.... !!!

Lunch time came and group member Kevin Nicklen said about going for a pint... Why not... Dutch courage for the afternoon ahead... Half an hour later back to relieve Bill for a break... Well, sales had slowly carried on and the cash bag was gradually getting heavier and heavier... Oh well, 15.40 arrived... Centre stage and action... Well, the talk went fine and after dancing with the lead attached top the microphone on my shirt, everything went fine. I received a large round of applause after I left the stage, and no one threw any rotten tomatoes or anything at me... I lived to give another talk again one day... After the talk, a lady came up to me and asked for a quiet talk... Hmm... she went on to say that she had seen a blue light around me and that it shone out from my heart... Hmm.. She went on to tell me about my children and one had a read aura around him meaning anger and temper... My 10 year old to a tee.. The next speaker after me was going to talk about his

anti-gravity machine and show a working demonstration... Guess what.. It was broken !!! What a surprise.. Surely, if you had such an invention that could change humanity, why show it at conference and not to top scientists or Government officialdom !!!

By 6.30 p.m. it was time to pack up and go on our merry way home.. The two plastic crates of SUFOG merchandise seemed just as heavy as they were when we arrived at 8 a. m. Having arrived home at 8.30 p.m. I collapsed in the arm chair and that night I slept like a log. From this venture, the group raised around £80.00... I was somewhat disappointed, as we had spent around £100 making copies of video's, CD ROM's, Audio Tapes etc.. Still another day and more lectures planned. Great to see so many group members at the event and I have already booked a table for the Conference next year on the 7th April 2002. See you all there...

NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, WASHINGTON DC. **9TH MAY 2001.**

On May 9, 2001 a historic event took place at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Nearly two dozen military, intelligence, government and other witnesses to UFO and extraterrestrial events and projects came forward as a group for the first time to disclose the truth to the world. This is the kick off for The Campaign for Disclosure - a campaign to get open hearings in the Congress, ban weapons from space and get the Earth-saving technologies related to UFO energy and propulsion systems out to benefit an ailing world. This Campaign will continue until its goals are met.

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even EXPECT, that this year holds something dramatic.. For all of us. Some will understand and can help those who do not. In the sixties we had the same feeling.. "tomorrow" they would arrive en masse. They didn't, of course. But this time it FEELS different. While many of us realise our planet is in trouble.

So my friends, be "aware".. Let those events open your minds even more... question them, true... but you will recognise TRUTH when you see it... it FEELS different. You will also recognise lies... which are endemic from the top downwards. Use that tremendous power of the "mind" to lift up mankind in whatever way you feel fitted for. Never mind "money"... it is a tool to use for good if you have it.. If not, don't worry... enough will always be found for your needs which are simple, basically. Makes notes of strange events ! DO IT NOW !

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going ahead. This is because Sky
Watch's are likely to be
cancelled / changed due to
weather conditions, and other
commitments that the editor is not
aware of at the time of publication
of the newsletter..**

A Few Words From Group Member Jean Smith.

Saturday 5th May, just after 21.35 hrs, Bill, Mary and myself left home to go and wait for Steve Gerrard and Steve Rider at the entrance to Royal Victoria Country Park. We only had a short while to wait before they arrived and then the 5 of us set off for a sky watch.

As it was a full moon I didn't think we would see much, but I was wrong ! We were stood at the jetty opposite the chapel, looking at the sky, deciding what were stars, what were aeroplane lights and what had caused the waves to come in so big (especially as there was no big boats going past us at the time ?). When, at 22.40 hrs Steve Gerrard pointed to a light in the sky over the Docks. Steve Rider got the video recorder going and while we were watching, an aeroplane that was heading near the light, turned and started to go in its direction, while we were all watching. The light just disappeared. He plane started to move away and as it did so, the light re-appeared again, so the plane turned and headed in its direction once again. It stayed around for a quite a while after the light eventually faded.

At 23.00 hrs we saw a bright shooting light (more than likely a comet breaking up just by the sheer size - Ed) fly over the park, which the men said could of either of been a comet or shooting star ? This was really turning out to be a good evening. There was another big wave, but yet again we saw no reason as to what had made it.

We stayed on the jetty a while longer and then we headed in the direction of the chapel. We all stood at various locations and my attention, as always, whenever I go near the chapel was to the top of the chapel. As many years ago before it was renovated into a museum, I saw a light (quite faint) at the very top and I often if I will see it again or what had caused it last time. However, my attention was drawn away from there and focused on the small tree on my right as it was moving quite vigorously and I felt quite cold on that side, where as the smaller tree on my left (I was stood at the top of the pathway by the chapel at the time) hardly moved and I didn't feel cold on that side. So I was quiet relieved after a while when we all moved back to the jetty again. By now the cloud had started to come in and was going over the moon. For what ever reason, we all had the feeling that we needed to be away from there. We couldn't say why, but I felt that we had out-stayed our welcome on that night.

Was it my imagination or did we leave the park with

more haste, than we did when we were going up to the sky watch ?

Despite the un-easiness at the end, I am now eagerly awaiting the next sky watch. My thanks to the two Steve's for taking the time to organise it.

Jean Smith (SUFOG Group Member)

POPULAR MECHANICS - MAY 2001..

For the first time, a large circulation general interest magazine in the U.S. has unequivocally stated that UFOs are real. The May 2001 issue of "Popular Mechanics" contains the provocative lead story "When UFOs Land," which talks about the investigations by Peter Sturrock and others of physical evidence from UFO landing sites - evidence that has been suppressed and ignored by the media. Sturrock was on Dreamland last year to talk about his book "The UFO Enigma : A New Review of the Physical Evidence".

In 1997, Laurence Rockefeller, who has long been interested in UFOs and other scientific enigma, asked Peter Sturrock, the former director of the Centre for Space Science and Astrophysics at Stanford university, to convene a meeting of a dozen top scientists to discuss UFO evidence. Researchers from places such as Princeton, MIT, Stanford and the Centre for Space Research in France focused their attention on cases where physical traces were left behind. "While their findings were not conclusive, Rockefeller said, "I hope they will raise the level of the debate". "Ask most scientists what they think of the UFO enigma and you will almost certainly get a scoff and a brush-off like, "There's not one shred of evidence", says astronomer Bernard Haisch. "That answer is simply not true. The problem is that this evidence does not follow our expected scientific logic, and so scientists dismiss what is, in fact, a huge number of accounts. Many sighting reports, as absurd as they sometimes appear, are probably real. Most professional scientists never bother to look at the evidence. Instead,

the dogmatic dismissals by professional debunkers, which are often patently ridiculous, are simply taken at face value”.

Three of the cases are reviewed in the article. In one, a UFO exploded after hitting the water near a town in Brazil in 1957 and left behind metallic debris composed of an extremely high grade of magnesium. It is now suspected that the craft was a classified U.S. military plane that used magnesium as part of its fuel source. When the material was sent to the Air Force for analysis, it was “accidentally” destroyed. The other 2 cases have no conventional explanation. One, which took place in 1992, concerns a UFO sighting by a Florida policeman that made his cruiser stop dead. “The scientific panel was very impressed by cases in which electrical equipment was disrupted,” said Michael D. Swords of Western Michigan University.

In another case, which took place in Trans-En-Provence in France in 1981, a hovering UFO left circular marks behind on the ground. The French UFO organization GEPAN removed soil from the area and found it had been contaminated with traces of metal, while the surrounding vegetation was damaged.

In 1977, a UFO ejected 40 pounds of molten, red-orange metal onto the ground in Iowa. After the metal cooled, samples were collected by local astronomer Robert Allen, who sent them to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio and to the Ames Laboratory at Iowa State University. Wright-Patterson would not publicize its findings, but stated “re-entering spacecraft debris does not impact the earth’s surface in a molten state.” Ames Laboratory director Robert S. Hansen said it was not a meteor impact. Former Lockheed scientist Bernard Haisch, who was on the Rockefeller panel, says, “We need to be sceptic of both the believers and the scoffers”. He has created a website <http://www.ufoskeptics.org> to encourage mainstream scientists to reconsider UFO evidence. “UFO sightings are not limited to farmers in backward rural areas,” he says. “There are astronomers and pilots and NASA engineers who have witnessed events for which there is no plausible conventional explanation.” <http://popularmechanics.com>

For more information go to the Popular Mechanics web site above and search the site using just the word ‘UFO’ and take a look at the other articles under ‘Archives’.

UFO SEEN OVER SOUTHAMPTON.

Friday 11th May 2001.

Time : 22.10 - 22.35 hrs.

Friday evening, being a warm, clear night with few stars.

I was putting some garden refuse away, before closing the back door, when something bright caught my eye, coming in as if from nowhere.

At first I thought it could be an aircraft, but after observing for a while, I realised it didn’t have a tail or wing lights. Suddenly it stopped and watching through binoculars, I could see it was no star.

The object was round and very silvery. It started changing from a spinning top shape, back to round, then a wedge separated from it, after which a margin formed in the centre, before reverting back to its original shape.

I observed the object for just over half an hour, after which I was distracted and on returning the object had vanished.

The night sky looked quite dull and bare where the object had been !

D.R.

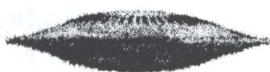
SIGHTINGS GALORE..

As I am writing this edition of the newsletter, more reports have arrived at my desk from the Sussex area. More details to follow hopefully in the next edition.

AVEBURY (4 - 5th August) 2001.

Seats are available on the minibus for the weekend sky watch. Picking up in Southampton at 3 locations. The price for the weekend including 2 barbeques (One Saturday night and one Sunday morning) is only £15. We only have 4 seats left !!!

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A quick final note following on from page 4 of the newsletter : The Sun Newspaper (April 2001) : Headline : **FLYING SHAME FOR UFO CLUB** : Britain's top UFO-spotting group has shut down - due to a fall in reports of alien sightings. The British Flying Saucer Bureau, founded in 1951, once had 1,500 members and probed up to 30 incidents a year.

But chiefs axed their monthly meetings after membership slumped.

Organiser Denis Plunkett, said, "We're in a trough. But if we have a sighting tomorrow we'll be back in business.".. (Funny, all the other papers didn't mention the last paragraph.. What does the Sun know that no one else seems to know. Shut down one day, open again the next.. Hmm.. Steve G (Ed)).

SUFOG SKY WATCH 18.5.2001.

This month see's our second sky watch in a matter of weeks at Royal Victoria Country Park. This event turned out to be one of our biggest with 8 members attending.

The sky started really crisp and clear, but as the night went on, the broken cloud rolled in obscuring the sky for a while. Not an eventful evening though, with the sighting of 6 satellites and 2 or 3 'lights' that turned out to be aircraft. Steve Rider and I walked up to the chapel to meet Steve Rider. On the way up, I was hit by a funny smell, like an operation/hospital 'sterile' smell. It got stronger and stronger as I approached the chapel and once outside, it went away (Both Steve Rider and I noticed the same smell as we walked away). Standing there, I seemed to 'drift off' and saw vague shadowy figures looking down on me as if I was laying on my back. I suddenly had these severe 'stomach pains' as if I was either being stabbed or cut and then I was back again. I was spooked by this and I had to walk away from the building back to the group. The night was spoilt by around 20 - 30 drunken teenage yobs running around the park, screaming, shouting and breaking glass etc. By 00.15 on the morning of the 19th we all decided to call it a night as these yobs were threatening in a kind of although they hadn't seen us, we had seen them through our binoculars and Steve Riders night vision equipment. As we walked along the road towards the exit, looking up, the sky was now crystal clear and to be honest I wished we had stayed longer. It shows the state of society, when a group of people are fearful of yobs / teenagers and I suppose we were a bit fearful of our safety in the park. But, it was great for us to get together and have such a large group there.

I apologise for not including the list of SUFOG group merchandise for sale in the last newsletter, so please find it in attached to this newsletter. Please make all cheques payable to :

THE SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP.

A Chance Encounter ???? **A Group Members Experience...**

Well folks, May saw me taking off on another jaunt to the USA, yet another smooth flight with perfect clear skies - ah ha time for an unofficial sky watch, but unfortunately nothing was seen. This holiday I spent travelling with a friend, as there was no real destination I was happy to end up in North America near the border with Canada.

On a day off from travelling we were parked in a large town so I decided to spend sometime indulging in some real therapy. My last stop was a large book store where I can spend hours browsing books while drinking large mugs of hot chocolate. Having spent my hundred dollar limit I telephoned my friend to come and get me and then ambled outside to wait.

On one of the seats outside sat a group of elderly gentlemen deep in conversation, I sat down on the next bench and enjoyed the late afternoon sunshine. For some reason they struck up a conversation with me and very quickly guessed that I was English they then told tales about their time in England. Then one asked what books I had brought, well they skipped over the therapy books and honed in on one book.. "Casebook, alien implants" by Dr. Roger K.Leir. The conversation continued about UFO's and soon the Roswell incident was mentioned. I sat enthralled saying nothing but just listening as they spoke of a photographer friend who photographed the bodies of aliens at Roswell.

What this friend had described to them was a small human-like body, but with a reptilian physiology. I sat mouth agog as they then went on to describe how the people involved in the investigation has slowly but mysteriously committed suicide or just simply disappeared.

I thought that at this point that the conversation would naturally trail off, but no, the quietest of the group suddenly started talking about a secret society in America that all past and present presidents belong to, and it is this society that really chooses the president. The conversation came to a close with the last comment being about the recent elections in Florida.

Then with a speed that quite stunned me, I was stood up, received a peck on the cheek from them all and they were gone. I sat thinking that this group of men were either deadly serious or I was at the centre of a great prank.

Five minutes later my friend pulled up and I told him the story of what had occurred and said that it was a good thing that he had taken so long to collect me. He looked quite stunned and said that he had taken no more than ten minutes. We made casual comments about spooky happenings and men in checked shirts and slacks and then turned our attention to the party we were due at later.

The rest of the holiday passed without event, and although the encounter kept playing on my mind it never really bother me, I thought that I was as I said at the centre of a huge prank.

I had been back for two days, had gone to bed on the second night when I was suddenly woken at 02.05 by a bright light filling my bedroom it stayed until 02.11. I remember before the light went thinking to myself "aliens, oh not now"! The next day I went over in my mind all the possibilities that could have caused that light but could not find a reason. I even asked my parents who were in the next room if they had seen or heard anything, unfortunately not.

Then three weeks later with these incidents at the front of my mind thinking shall I write something or not, I happened to be channel hopping one night and came across a programme about a secret society that had as its members past and present presidents.

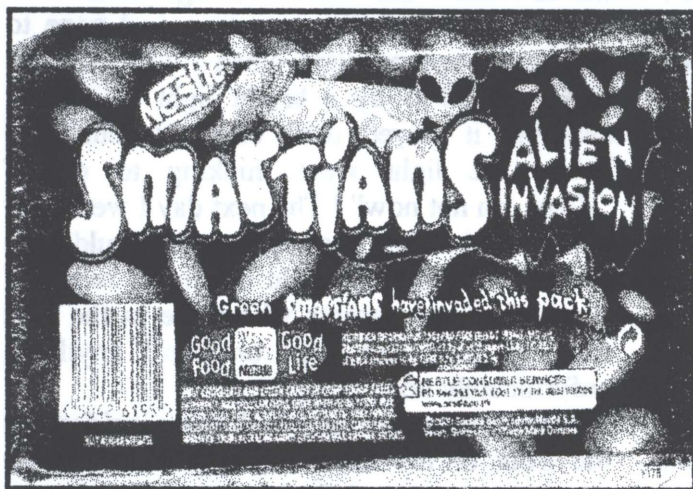
I'm really not sure who those men were but too many things have since happened for it all to be a joke. But I wonder what will happen next?

SUFOG ODDS 'N SOD'S **ERNIE SEARS...**

The caption is self explanatory I hope ! Brief little notes that have connections with my other scribblings or last minute UFO connections of interest and also humour !

Have you come across the current campaign of selling sweets to kids, with distinct UFOLOGICAL connections ? My local sweetshop where I get my papers has Rowntrees Pastille Fruits on sale called "Body Parts"... super sour aliens have invaded this pack.. Illustrated with feet, ears, eyes, hands, lips, along with the obligatory little green men. There's also Smartians on sale.. 'green smartians have invaded this pack' and so they

have, even on the Smarties type container... (The green smarties in the tube have little alien faces on them to boot !!!)... while.. Wait for it !.. Rowntrees have Bursting Bugs (ugh !).. 'squishable bugs with gory guts'.. with the obligatory little green men, 'Alien Invasion' overprinted and a warning the pack may have been invaded by such ! This one has a standard Adamski type saucer and a blue beam transporting little blue alien bugs earthward. Is someone trying to tell our kids summat ? Or is it just up-for grabs greed ? Your comments and questions welcomed say the labels, too !



Item 2... dunno where Steve wants this to go (!) but the item in this issue on strange goings on at a village friends home.. UFO's and "poltergeistic" stuff.. Had a startling sequel when I trotted up there with my very occasionally used dowsing rods recently. Exploring the haunted areas. Strictly TRUE and multi-witnessed, I finally got to the kitchen where my rods literally behaved like helicopter rotors in one spot. So much so... and I'd never seen or heard of that... I had to duck my head as they crosed each other at speed that accelerated ! Since then the kitchen waste bin lid has increased it's noisy open and shut series when no one is near it... even at night when all area asleep. I shall be returning.

Item 3... Briefly as I can there's the May story of a group member's 19 year old grandson who was urged by his mum to tell said member his Saturday night experience. Reluctant.. But he did. Seems he was woken up some time at night to see a sort of haze in his room. Through it he made out a pair of thin grey legs descending through the ceiling. Scared stiff to see it followed by a thin, grey old man who wriggled down the wall to vanish. He shot out of the room and stayed downstairs for a whole

week. I was recently able to speak to the lad who shook me by saying it had happened thrice more since. We both thought 'twas a previous resident who still thought he was living there.. Hadn't made the transition after death to the other plane. Quite a well known symptom of such. I await further. Odd that it happened the night after his grandmother had a UFO experience.

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UPDATE
THE ALIEN INVASION
CONTINUES**

**SUFOG MIBs CHILDREN
THE LATEST TO SUCCUMB**

The alien invasion of Nestle®, Rowntree's® sweets is continuing.

In the past couple of days my children have been the target of this new and disturbing trend.

Two new sweets have been effected by the aliens. Details are below and I urge all to get them before they get you first.

- 1) Milky Bar Buttons®- have been implanted with strange shaped white chocolate pieces.
- 2) Tutti Fruities- have been invaded by strange spheres and shapes.

You have been warned. The invasion has begun.

THEY ARE OUT THERE!

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ALien INVASION

**THE TRUTH IS SWEET
OR IS IT SOUR?**

**REPORT BY
SUFOG's MIB**

It appears as if the truth is now out!
The alien invasion of our planet has begun.

What is disturbing is that the aliens have targeted our children and are not shy about it.

Children's (and big kids) sweet maker Nestlé®, who own Rowntree's®, have been invaded by aliens who are targeting our children with a variety of tasty treats.

The sweets have been implanted with strange colours and flavours and include the following:

- 1) Smarties®, have become Smartians®. These include green sweets with an alien face design and a blue interior with an alien taste.
- 2) Fruit Gums® and Jelly Tots® have been implanted with new colours and flavours.
- 3) Buring Bugs® now contain something bright blue, that looks not dissimilar to an alien embryo.
- 4) Body Parts® now have a new alien super sour flavoured something.

BEWARE! There may be more.

So what does this mean for us all?
Is there some kind of black agenda behind all of this to educate our children to the reality of aliens among us?

Perhaps it is just a new and quite effective advertising gimmick that has worked very well?

I leave it up to you to decide, black agenda or sales gimmick?

Whatever.

All I can say is have a try, I did and quite enjoyed it? OH! Sorry I was drifting off in to a vague memory of ... well you wouldn't be interested in it anyway.

I think it is a great idea, and they don't taste so bad either. So go on treat the big kid inside you to a truly alien experience.

Should be quite nice while watching ET or Close Encounters or possibly the new SUFOG skywatch tape made not so long ago.
SUFOG's MIB

Easter Weekend Old Friends Together Again.

Saturday 14th

After spending the afternoon catching up on old times Elaine and I made our way to meet Ernie at the Mill House at around 21:30. We all then made our way up to our usual sky watch area just up on the hill behind the restaurant.

However, after an hour or so of jovial banter and freezing off our proverbial's, it was decided to make our way down to Victoria Park for whatever remained of the rather overcast night.

Stood on the shore with the imposing structure of the old chapel silently watching over us, we chatted in the calm of the cold night.

We walked up to the chapel and stood quietly in its presence to allow the atmosphere to release to us whatever presences might be there that night.

My experiences this night were different to any others I have had while stood here. The first sensation I had was the feeling of the air around me warming up, which in turn caused my hands to heat up which Elaine felt as we stood there. What happened shortly after is the most uncomfortable experience I have had here. While I stood calmly soaking up the atmosphere, I had the vision of a young man who was having a leg amputated without the use of any type of anaesthetic. This suggests to me that I was experiencing something from the early history of the hospital.

Not long after we decided to leave, but none of us were comfortable and I had a strong feeling of being watched as we left that night.

Sunday 15th

Having spent the morning at my youngest daughters christening I went home and changed, then drove down to pick up Steve G. We drove to Netley Abbey where we were due to meet Elaine and Ernie. After some wait, a text message to Elaine and a walk around the Abbey, I got a call on my mobile from Elaine saying she was in the car park. So we all finally met up, minus Ernie who had a prior engagement.

We walked around the ruins and then up into Westwood. The talk was very light-hearted as it is among good friends. However, I did manage to cause the only mishap of the day ? As we left the hill in Westwood and walked back through Bluebell Wood I took us through a slightly small, but muddy area, which ended up in a certain person loosing a shoe, I just hope she has forgiven me by now !

Back in the Abbey Elaine was sure she saw a fast moving object in the sky, but as per usual Steve and I were too slow and missed it.

We then drove back to Steve's for a chat and a look at some video footage. We also agreed to do another sky watch that night. Which would had been nice had unforeseen circumstances not arisen that made it impossible for me to attend the night's excursion.

All in all it was a great weekend, but a pity that it was so short as there was so much we all could have done and never got the chance to. However, I am sure this is not the last time that SUFOG and UPN Investigations will get together this year, so watch this space. You have been warned !

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12th May 2001
SUFOG Sky Watch.

Where is this all leading?

Location : Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley Abbey.

As has now become our custom, we made our way to the location of the old jetty that is directly in front of the chapel on the sea front. On this night present were members Steve G and myself Steve R. along with Bill wife Jean with her sister Mary.

When we made our way to our vantage point we had no idea what the night had in store for us !

Our first sighting was of a bright orange light seen in approximately a South West direction. I got the video camera on it straight away. I was able to see a point that is visible on the video, that object was a plane, as it displayed the characteristic strobe lighting of a plane seen in the area.

Then at around 22:35 we became aware of a bright light over the area of Southampton docks that is visible from our vantage point. The light was stationary, or so we thought, so I started filming. The next fifteen minutes were quite amazing, as the light stayed over the docks, the police spotter plane came in to the area and past the area in which the light was visible, this is assuming that the light was not a great deal further away, just after the plane past by the light it, the light, dissolved away. Once the plane had past the light came back on. After a while the plane circled the area again, but this time the light did not disappear it only dimmed. Finally after approximately 15 minutes the light again dissolved away and did not return.

At 23:02 we observed a beautiful, very large and bright shooting star that left us all in awe, it was quite a spectacle.

Eight minutes later we saw a bright light apparently coming in our direction from around a westerly direction and 30° up. We thought we were in for something good, but the light instantly dissolved away after no more than 2 - 3 seconds. Was this the same thing we had seen over the docks a few minutes before, just saying to us 'I know you're watching?' or was it something else ? Who knows ?

We decided to walk up to the chapel, as it has become almost routine now to do a skywatch here and walk up to the chapel to see what we can experience in this atmospheric place.

Although I did not see anything this night, I did

have the feeling that someone may have been trying to talk through me, something that is often the case for a medium in a trance and for myself. Shortly after this I suddenly felt an intense wave of emotion sweep over me and I had to walk away, as tears began to well up in my eyes.

So we all walked back down to the sea front. Whilst here I could not settle and constantly had the feeling someone was behind me. This was coupled with some sounds that I was uncomfortable with. This feeling of being uncomfortable may be significant as we all left about 00:15 with a distinct feeling that the whole atmosphere in the area had changed. It is also worth noting that at some point earlier in the evening I had seen a bright flash of light that no one else had seen. This was similar to those Steve G. and I had experienced on our first excursion here.

The strange events that permeate this area just continue whenever the group comes down here for the evening. It is also noteworthy that not always the same people are always in attendance, something that can cause irritation when something fascinating is seen or experienced.

We will continue to use this area and will keep giving updates as long as we do so. I personally feel that the best is yet to come.

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